

HOME NEWS

—Christmas day was wet, green, muddy, soft, and rotten.

—William A. Bradshaw was appointed postmaster at Frost the other day.

—An appeal was refused in the case of O'Connell vs. Dixon from the Circuit Court of Greenbrier County.

—A little boy, so the story runs, set a steel trap for Santa Claus, and was very much surprised to receive a spanking from his papa the next morning.

—The mails are very interesting about Christmas time, and whether they yielded any spoil or not, there was quite a lot of pleasurable excitement in waiting for mail-time.

—Bacteria, about which so much is said by scientific investigators, are so small that it would take one hundred thousand to make a line one inch long, though placed lengthwise.

—At Millboro Depot, Va., recently, a traveler asked for a ticket to Winnipeg. After a vain search, the clerk in the ticket office asked wildly, "Whereabouts in West Virginia is Winnipeg?"

—The two cases O'Connell vs. the Cumberland Lumber Company, and the Cumberland Lumber Company vs. O'Connell and others were submitted to Judge Campbell in vacation at Roceverte last week. The Judge took the papers and reserved his decision.

—Charles E. Sutton, artist. Ornamental and landscape painting taught at reasonable terms. Instructions will be given ladies at their homes, if desired, without extra charge. Landscape will be 50 cents per lesson, and a term of seven lessons for \$3.00 in flower painting. A full line of painting material at Marlinton Drug Store.

—Mr. James B. Waugh and Miss Emma Jane Duncan were quietly married at the residence of Rev. W. T. Price, Monday evening, December 24th. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Duncan, near West Union on Stony Creek. Though a young man, this is Mr. Waugh's third marriage.

—DIED: at Huttonsville, J. A. Cox, of typhoid fever. Mr. Cox is remembered here as being a builder who did some of the first building in Marlinton. He was postmaster at Huttonsville under the last administration. He was a man of middle age. There has been another death or two lately in that neighborhood from the epidemic that is raging there.

—The Christmas tree at this place was a very great success. The trees were set up in the courthouse and on Monday evening about three o'clock a large crowd assembled to watch the distribution of presents. The presents were hung on three trees, and the whole presented a very beautiful effect. The actual value of the collection must have been many hundred dollars. Miss Mollie Smith was the originator and promoter of the affair, and the burden of the work fell on her and a few assistants.

—Hon. Levi Gay, of Marlinton, tells the following anecdote on us every time he gets us into a crowd where we are particularly anxious to cut a good figure. The conversation is led up to newspapers, and he says that sometimes when he gets the POCAHONTAS TIMES he is reminded of what an old lady of this county said when her daughter got a letter which had been opened: "Cynthia got a letter but some body had stole all the readin' out of it." We have to put up with a good many things in this life.

—The writer of this paragraph remembers seeing one of the first boxes of matches ever used in Pocahontas. It contained about twenty matches and cost twenty-five cents. A piece of sand-paper went with each box, folded like a thumb-paper. The match was inserted, the paper pressed by the thumb and fore finger, and the match jerked out. Then there was a bad smell and some sneezing. John Walker, of Stockton, England, invented the lucifer match in 1827. A monument will soon be raised to his memory.

—Judge McLaughlin granted Goodman a new trial on the grounds that the presiding judge had allowed evidence prejudicial to the prisoner to be admitted, and had excluded evidence which the defendant was entitled to introduce. The new trial is likely to be held in some other County than Alleghany, as the present judge of the County Court defended Goodman. Goodman is held for killing H. C. Parsons, owner of the Natural Bridge, at Gladys Inn, Clifton Forge, last summer. The grounds sustained and the new trial granted, were: For the erroneous admission of the Staples evidence; for excluding evidence of Goodman's habit of carrying firearms; for the refusal to give proper instructions asked by Goodman, and for giving improper instructions asked by the commonwealth.

—Mr. C. Z. Hevner has erected a most convenient blacksmith shop at the West end of the bridge, and is ready for all calls. He has been with us for many years and is known far and wide as a skillful workman. When attending his shop you also stand a good chance to hear some marvelous and entertaining story without extra charge.

Personal.

E. L. Day, formerly a druggist at Buckhannon, is the new pharmacist at W. G. Hyer's drug store. Mr. Day comes highly recommended as a first-class druggist.—*Braxton Democrat.*

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Yeager had a good many of their friends in to dinner on Christmas day.

Miss Lucy Kinkaid is at her home in Frankford for the holidays.

—Capt. Smith is down the River on lumber business.

Mr. Harry Patterson and sisters, Misses Maggie and Anna Mary, of Huntersville, visited our town last Monday.

Mr. R. C. Shrader, of Dilley's Mill, was in town this week on business.

Some of our young society people went to Academy on Christmas day to a dinner reception given by the Misses Renick.

The Season's Greeting.

The compliments of the season are most cordially extended to our friends at this auspicious season, and they are most sincerely wished the most happy Christmas of their lives. It is hoped that prosperity may attend our esteemed readers, and that all may be with them just as we would have it be, pertaining to their best interests in the two lives that all of us are destined to lead.

History teaches a significant lesson that is well to recall. Our remote ancestors in Northern Europe deified the sun and gave him the highest homage as the source of all things. His movements were observed with close attention. It was noticed that at a certain period the cold began to be felt, leaves faded and fell, plants ceased to grow, and the impression was that the sun was seriously threatened with mortal sickness, or as some thought, he was displeased at something the people had done and was about to leave all to darkness, frost, and ruin. The people were very miserable and prayer and supplications were the order of the day, that he might get better or not leave as he seemed to be threatening to do. He paused and then turned back; there was less of darkness, and more of light, and when it was found that he was better and was turning back, the anxious people were thrilled with joyful emotions, and there was gladness of heart and festal joys at the prospect of living another year.

When these people became adherents of the Christian faith, this season was utilized to commemorate the birth of our Lord, as the rising of the sun of righteousness bringing in the hopes of an eternal season of joy and happiness for all mankind. May this sentiment find a place in every heart, "Glory to God in the Highest, on earth peace and good will to men." The better it may be with all, the better it will be with each person, so identified is our personal welfare with the general wellbeing of all others. The meaning of the angelic song is that it is only to men of good will is the peace assured—that they proclaimed on the morning of the first Christmas day.

The Splash Dam.

Last summer the St. Lawrence Company built a splash dam in the Greenbrier River near Falling Springs. The men who were lying idle at Roceverte contributed the work free in order that the dam might be built and that the mill at Roceverte be started up sooner than it otherwise would be. However, the cost of feeding and clothing these men, the work of teams, cost of material, etc., made the work a costly one to the company which built it. The dam is eleven feet high and built to stand any flood. The chute to empty the dam is thirty-four feet wide. The water during a flood is dammed back about three miles.

The first rafting tide in eighteen months came in this month, and four rafts from this county were started from Roceverte. The water was hardly sufficient, but the dam was what prevented them from going through. The raftsmen all agree that a raft will never be run on the river until very material changes are made in the dam.

The first raft belonged to Lawyer Gilmore, of Lewisburg. They drifted down the sluggish eddy towards the chute. Just as the suck of the water caught the raft, the crew launched a row-boat, and the raft went over the dam, and tilted up until it drove one end into the bottom of the river. In a moment the planks formed a pile of float-debris. The raft was composed of walnut lumber and the loss is considerable. Two other rafts were stopped by the Company, and another did not get so far down the river.

The reason that the chute did not serve as a passage way is that the force of the water has thrown up a great heap of stones, forming a sort of island, and immediately below the chute the water is in a continual swirl. The rapid passage of a raft through the chute when the gates are up would cause it to dive and break itself to pieces. A log going through stands upright in the water and then floats around some time before it escapes from the whirlpool.

The remedy will be to affix an "apron" that will be a continuation of the chute which will carry the water so far below the dam that its current will be inconsiderable, and give it a chance to spread. As the dam was built on the bottom of the river, this was considered unnecessary at the time of construction.

Accident in the Woods.

Last Tuesday, week, Mr. John Cleek, near Mill Point, was chopping trees for fuel. Two or three trees became lodged, and while in the effort to dislodge them, he was struck by one of the trees in such a manner as nearly stripped him of his clothing and fractured his leg in three places between the knee and ankle joint. It was a considerable while before he was found by his wife who finally heard his call. With a piece of bark he had partially straightened his fractured limb. Wrapping her husband in blankets, Mrs. Cleek went in quest of help, and after considerable delay he was carried home and medical aid summoned. It is reported that he is doing well and it is hoped amputation may be avoided. Much sympathy is felt for him, being an esteemed and industrious citizen.

Problem Department.

Answer to problem in POCAHONTAS TIMES, Thursday December 20th, 1894, submitted by "Teacher."
1st man \$100.00 plus \$20.00 equals \$120.00.
2nd man \$100.00 minus \$20.00 equals \$80.00.
\$120.00 plus \$80.00 equals \$200.00.
E. H. SMITH.

Here is a hard nut to crack if you please:

I would be pleased to receive the correct solution to the following example by anyone, but most especially by the teachers of the county.

A man who rows four miles an hour in still water takes one and one fifth hours to row four miles up a river, how many minutes will it take him to row four miles down the river.
X. Y. Z.

Send all answers to the Times at Marlinton, W. Va.

—TIMES OFFICE for job-work.

Green Bank.

We are having nice weather. Christmas is here and no snow and not much sign of any as yet, and but little rain or sleet.

Mr. Lee Moore was up from Mill Point with a load of roller flour for N. J. Brown and J. H. Curry's customers.

Mr. Jesse Curry was up from Academy with a load of flour for W. H. Hull.

Mr. Earl Arbogast made a trip to Monterey, Va., last Friday, to meet his brother, W. H. Arbogast, coming from school at Front Royal, Va., to take Christmas among his many friends at home.

Mrs. W. H. Hull is on the sick list but is better to-day (Monday).

The people of our village and vicinity gathered at Mr. J. H. Balfour's about dusk on last Monday evening, and when it was dark went over to the parsonage and gave Rev. C. L. Potter and family a severe pounding, but fortunately, no bones were broken, and the services of no physician required as yet.

The village of Green Bank was serenaded on Monday night by the young band equipped with horse-fiddle, konksbells, cow bells, tin-horns, etc., a reminder that Christmas was about here, and it is here to-day, and raining, and everything quiet except an occasional fire-cracker.

Capt. G. W. Siple, who has been on the sick list, was in our village last Saturday, very much improved we are glad to say.

The auction sale at W. H. Hull's store last Saturday was not very largely attended, and the sales were small. Capt. Swecker was not in good trim for the work as usual, he being unwell.

The protracted meeting is still in progress at this place. Rev. Potter is assisted by Revs. C. F. Moore and J. A. Taylor, who are full of the religion of Christ, and are doing good work. There have been seven conversions, and the church has been much revived.

LATER.—The meeting closed last night (Monday) C.

Lobelia.

Raining to day, Christmas. Rev. C. M. Anderson, of Frost, preached a very able sermon at Mt. Lebanon, Sunday, text the 11th verse of the 6th chapter of Ephesians.

Mr. A. L. Anderson is home for Christmas.

Mr. Thomas McCarty's school closed Friday. Also Miss Maggie Eagle's school on Boggs' Run, closed Saturday.

Mr. George Boggs died last week on Boggs' Run, of typhoid fever, aged about 20 years.

Mr. G. P. Hill is not well at this time.

Mrs. Lizzie Hill is improving from her sickness.

Mr. Lanty McNeel, of Mill Point, was on the Creek buying calves last week.

Mr. Barnett Grimes tried his revolver on some sheep-killing hounds.

Mr. William Morgan is buying furs in this section.

Mr. McCoy, of William's River, is on the Creek.

There will be watch meeting at Mt. Lebanon church Monday night.

OBSERVER.

The Droop Blast.

All who love to read and most especially those who like to hear a blast occasionally may now prepare to look solemnly and read earnestly.

During the session of the Droop Top school the teacher became very anxious to know what kind of a teacher he should be, in order to get his pupils to think as well of him as possible, and the result was that he asked his pupils to write a composition, each taking for their subject "The kind of a teacher I like." There was several good ones written, but the following was supposed to be the best.

I like the teacher good and kind, Who also makes his pupil mind; I like teacher with smiling eye, Rewarding the efforts of those who try.

I like a teacher with red brown hair, With a way so bright and debonaire. I like a teacher who does his best, To smooth our way to a grand success.

The teacher I like to have command, Must be true and kind, brave and grand. The one who never wears a frown, Nor has harsh words to call us down.

I like a teacher who can win, Our steps away from the paths of sin; I like the teacher we love so well, I wish he could with us forever dwell.

BESSIE B. WHITING.

The above was of benefit to the teacher of the said school and I think might inspire others.

Yours respectfully, MUX.

A Boom Concept.

The trustees failed to make a sale of the Plumber's Supply Works of Shendun, which were advertised to be sold on Friday last the 14th inst. Only one bid was made. W. H. Overholt, of West Virginia, bid \$6,700. The trustees announced publicly any bid over \$7,000 would be accepted, but Mr. Overholt's bid was the only one made. The property was withdrawn, and will be offered again January 17th, 1895. This is a ridiculous price for these works. Forty thousand dollars would not replace them. It is said the machinery alone cost over \$15,000. We are sorry Mr. Overholt failed to get this property, as we understand it was his intention to open the works and put them in full running order. As he is a man of large property, and a "hastler" besides, he would undoubtedly have made a success of the business. He loses a large amount by the failure of this company, as did nearly every one else who had dealings with them. The gods forbid we should have any more of that class of cattle "to make this section rich!"—*Rockingham Register.*

The West Virginia & Pittsburg management is again branching out to the same general direction their enterprise was taken two years ago. One scheme is to secure a better coal outlet to tidewater, and another is to cut down through Randolph, Pocahontas and Greenbrier counties to the Chesapeake & Ohio, developing the remarkable natural resources of those counties as it goes. Engineers have been working to the east the past month, and another corps is at work on the southern extension. The latter are said to have found a pass through the mountains never before known, which greatly shortens the route and removes the necessity for heavy grading and tunnelling. It is not likely anything tangible will be done by these people this winter, but many people will be deceived if they are not at work in the spring on both branches.—*Manufacturer's Record.*

TO PROTECT SKUNKS.—A number of our farmers, interested in the raising of cattle, have spoken to us in regard to the advisability of urging the Legislature to enact a law to prohibit the killing of skunks for their pelts. They tell us that many acres of the finest blue grass fields in the county have been literally destroyed by the grub worm. On these lands the sod has been so killed out by the worms as to render it well nigh valueless for grazing purposes. The skunk is known to subsist largely on worms and in hunting them they do the grass no injury. In thus protecting his grass from the ravages of the grub worm, the skunk repays the farmer many times for an occasional raid upon his chicken coop.—*Greenbrier Independent.*

ABOUT this time of year many a young man of economical tenderness is trying to work a scheme to keep from giving his best girl a Christmas present. The popular method is to work up a lover's quarrel, and to keep mad until after the holidays. This has been worked successfully for several generations, but we hope none of our Fairmont girls will be fooled by it this year. Keep an eye on your young man, girls, and if he tries the scheme, and he doubtless will, don't give him any chance to succeed—be as sweet to him as possible—but as soon as you have your Christmas present safe, give him the grand bounce at once.—*Fairmont Index.*

Mr. Elkins' influence in the State Legislature is very powerful and bids fair to continue so, and Charleston stands an excellent chance of losing the honor which she succeeded in wresting some years ago from Wheeling. It is a fact not generally known that the town of Elkins has great hopes that it will become the capital of the State in a few years. A vacant square has been left in the heart of the town to receive a public building whenever circumstances make a change from Charleston possible.—*Cincinnati Post.*

"Tom Lewis," who was committed to jail by Justice Harper of Elkins, for fighting, was arrested last week by Detective Postwood for a murder committed in Minnesota in 1892. His name is said to be Thomas Dalton, and a reward of \$1,500 is offered for his arrest. He will be removed to the scene of the crime as soon as necessary papers arrive.—*Tygart's Valley News.*